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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) |
| | 10/626,068 | WEIER ET AL. |
| | Examiner | Art Unit |
| | Robert D. Harlan | 1713 |

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Remarks filed on 10/13/2006.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment/Arguments

1. Applicant's amendment and arguments filed on 10/12/2006 and 10/13/2003 have been fully considered and they are found persuasive.
2. The rejection of claim 1, 4 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement is withdrawn.
3. The rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hamilton et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,730,734 (hereinafter "Hamilton") is withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter/Reasons for Allowance

4. Claims 1-11 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art located or identified by the Examiner is Hamilton. Hamilton teaches impact modifiers, mineral oil and plastics resins. See Hamilton, col. 2, line 42 through col. 6, line 25. The impact modifiers disclosed in

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Hamilton are rubbery polymers incorporated in the claimed ranges and the plastic resins are high Mw polymers. See cols. 10-11.

Hamilton teaches the use of processing aids such as PARALOID K-120N (a trademark of Rohm and Haas), which is a high molecular wt. MMA copolymer. The present invention differs from Hamilton in that the present invention claims a powder composition comprising regions containing impact modifiers and processing aids not contemplated by Hamilton.

6. As of the date of this Notice of Allowability, the Examiner has not located or identified any reference that can be used singularly or in combination with another reference including Hamilton to render the present invention anticipated or obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

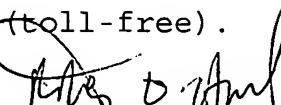
7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert D. Harlan whose telephone number is (571) 272-1102. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 10 AM - 8 PM.

9. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David W. Wu can be reached on (571) 273-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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